

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of January 14, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-18 are requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Smith.

The Present Application

Medical institutions typically have a facility-wide information system which includes a medical record information database. Such facilities also typically have a separate facility-wide communication system for e-mail, personal schedules, scheduling meetings, and the like. However, the two operate independently.

The present application proposes to link these two previously independent systems.

Smith is exemplary of prior art medical record information database systems. Smith does have the ability to enter and extract medical data and other conventional medical information database system functionality. However, Smith does not handle communication information like e-mails, personal calendars, or the like from a clinical communicator information system to an electronic record information system, nor does Smith suggest moving information from a medical record information system to a clinical communicator information system.

Claim 5 calls for a clinical communicator database including event information for patients, event information for medical professionals, and messages to and from the medical care professionals. Smith does not include a clinical communicator database.

Claim 5 further calls for a clinical communicator information extracting means for extracting clinical communication information from the clinical communicator database. Smith has no clinical communicator database from which to extract information. Moreover, Smith does not disclose a database which includes

event information for medical professionals or a database which includes messages to and from medical care professionals.

Accordingly, it is submitted that **claim 5 and claims 2-4 and 6-13 dependent therefrom** distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

New **claims 6-13** have been added to focus on details set forth in the present application and distinguish the present claims yet more clearly over Smith.

New **claim 14** calls for a hospital information system which includes both a medical record memory and a clinical communicator memory. The medical record memory stores medical record information for patients including medical treatment schedules. The clinical communicator memory includes schedules for medical care professionals and e-mails among the medical care professionals. Smith does not disclose separate memories for medical records and clinical communication information.

Claim 14 further calls for a display control section which links the medical information stored in the medical record memory and the clinical information stored in the clinical communication memory to generate a scheduling table based on the patient event information and the medical care professional event information. Smith fails to disclose or fairly suggest such a bringing together of patient treatment schedules and medical care professionals schedules. Dependent **claims 15-18** add additional details which distinguish yet more forcefully over Smith.

Specification

The Examiner makes two objections to the specification, but fails to disclose to which part of the specification he is objecting. If the Examiner would identify the sections of the specification that are believed to be objectionable, the applicant is willing to revise such sections or work with the Examiner to revise such sections by Examiner's Amendment.

35 U.S.C. § 101

It is submitted that by cancelling claim 1 and changing claims 2-4 to depend from claim 5, against which no 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection was applied, resolves the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 112

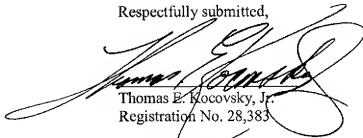
It is submitted that cancelling claim 1 and amending claims 2-4 to depend from claim 5, against which no 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection was applied, resolves the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 2-18 (all claims) distinguish patentably over the references of record and meet all statutory requirements. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at 216.363.9000.

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